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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 204, 2/8/2017

Executive Action:

Voted to introduce LC 2608 as amended as a committee bill

HEARING ON SB 204

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 204, Move
department of justice natural resource damage program to Deer Lodge.

00:03:06 Sen. McNally entered the meeting.

00:04:01 Sen. Ankney entered the meeting.

00:06:44 Chair Vincent

00:06:56 Sen. Vuckovich

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:19 Harley Harris, program manager, Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP),
Department of Justice

EXHIBIT(nas33a01)

00:17:12 Alan Joscelyn, chief deputy attorney general, Department of Justice

00:19:35 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

00:20:50 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited and Clark Fork Coalition

EXHIBIT(nas33a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:22:53 Tom Livers, director, Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:14 Sen. Connell

00:23:56 Mr. Harris, NRDP

00:24:17 Sen. Connell

00:24:50 Mr. Harris

00:25:15 Sen. Hinkle

00:25:47 Sen. Vuckovich

00:26:28 Sen. Barrett

00:26:57 Sen. Vuckovich

00:27:34 Sen. Barrett

00:28:00 Sen. Vuckovich

00:28:12 Mr. Harris

00:29:42 Sen. Barrett

00:29:52 Mr. Harris

00:30:19 Sen. Barrett

00:30:31 Sen. Connell

00:30:49 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

00:31:30 Chair Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:17 Sen. Vuckovich

00:33:00 Sen. Richmond left the meeting.

Committee Business:

00:35:07 Chair Vincent

00:36:05 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **LC 2608 BE INTRODUCED AS A COMMITTEE BILL.**

[EXHIBIT\(nas33a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:36:27 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **LC 2608 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(nas33a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:36:38 Sen. Barrett

00:36:42 Chair Vincent

00:36:49 Sen. Barrett

00:37:09 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

00:38:00 Sen. Barrett

00:39:02 Sen. Ankney

00:39:18 **Vote:** Motion to amend carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Fielder and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:40:04 **Vote:** Motion to introduce LC 2608 as a committee bill carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Fielder and Sen. Richmond voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:40:25 Chair Vincent

00:40:40 Sen. Ankney

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00:41:06 Sen. Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:43 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas33aad.pdf](#))